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### **Navajo Human Rights Commission Invites the Public to comment on Issues concerning Violence against Navajo women and Gender Discrimination**

**ST. MICHAELS, NAVAJO NATION-** Violence against Navajo women is at an epidemic level in the Navajo Nation according to various agencies. Not only Navajo women are affected by this violence but also the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBT&Q) population. Here at the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission would like to hear from the public about these rising concerns.

The Human Rights Commission needs to hear from the public about the issues of gender discrimination and violence against Navajo women and LGBTQ. Public input is so important and vital for any recommendation to be made to Navajo law if change is to happen. Bringing some resolve and remedy to these issues require a collective approach that begins with individual participation. Having these public hearings is the first step toward advancing or not advancing these issues that affect many Navajo families.

In the human rights prospective "Anyone and everyone have the right to be happy. However, we also up hold the right to preserve, manifest traditional values. But there is opportunity to make changes that brings happiness to our Navajo citizens" said Leonard Gorman, *Executive Director*. Without the voice from Navajo people, there will be no change.

The Human Rights Commission next public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Tuba City Chapter at 10:00A.M. - 5:00 P.M. For more information call the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission at 928-871-7436.

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